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SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY: GOG DENIES THAT CYPRUS CONSPIRACY
ALSO AIMED AT PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS

1. ATHENS PRESS HAS CARRIED EXTENSIVE ACCOUNTS OF THE CONSPIRACY REPORTS FROM NICOSIA. THE STORY, ALONG WITH THE REPORTED STATEMENT FROM NICOSIA BY A GOC SPOKESMAN THAT THE CONSPIRACY MIGHT ALSO BE AIMED AT PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS, FIRST APPEARED OVER THE WEEKEND. A GOG SPOKESMAN SAID ON SATURDAY IN REPLY TO A NEWSMAN'S QUESTION, "I AM NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING LIKE THAT. HOWEVER, I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY NEED FOR ANXIETY."

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, AND IN VIEW OF CONTINUED REPORTING HERE ON THE CONSPIRACY STORIES OUT OF NICOSIA, THE GOG SPOKESMAN ON JULY 18 ISSUED THIS FORMAL STATEMENT ON THE MATTER: "THE GREEK GOVERNMENT IS NOT COMPETENT TO COMMENT ON REPORTS ABOUT A CONSPIRACY IN CYPRUS. BUT WITH REGARD TO REPORTS ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF A CONSPIRACY HERE IN GREECE, GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT SUCH REPORTS RE COMPLETELY GROUNDLESS."

3. MEANWHILE, A LARGE RALLY IS BEING ORGANIZED JULY 21 AT
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ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL SPORTS STADIUMS IN ATHENS TO DEMONSTRATE GREEK SOLIDARITY WITH THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNIVERSARIES OF THE 1974 COUP AND THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS. THE GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF GREEK WORKERS (GSEE) IS THE PRINCIPAL SPONSOR OF THIS DEMONSTRATION TOGETHER WITH SEVERAL OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. GSEE IS ALSO SPONSORING A FIVE MINUTE GENERAL WORK STOPPAGE THROUGHOUT GREECE JULY 20 AS A

DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT FOR CYPRUS BY GREEK WORKERS.

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